

Amendments to the Specification

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "[t]he invention relates to," insert the following headings:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of Invention

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "[c]onventional shoes are made up," insert the following heading:

2. Description of the Prior Art

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "[i]t is the object of the present invention," insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At specification page 1, replace the paragraph beginning with "[i]t is the object of the present invention" with the following replacement paragraph:

It is the object of the present invention to provide a shoe of the initially defined kind, which avoids the above-mentioned drawbacks of known ~~shoes~~ shoes while ensuring an anatomically shaped form.

At specification page 2, replace the paragraph beginning with "[a]ccording to a further characteristic feature" with the following replacement paragraph:

According to a further characteristic feature of the invention, an insole may be sewed in ~~in~~ the region of the forefoot.

At specification page 2, replace the paragraph beginning with "[a] particularly comfortable shoe" with the following replacement paragraph:

A particularly comfortable shoe is obtained ~~by the measure according to claim 5~~ with an embodiment of the present invention in which the insole is connected with the front cap by a Strobel seam or by gluing or the like.

At specification page 2, replace the paragraph beginning with "[a]nother advantage results from" with the following replacement paragraph:

Another advantage results from ~~the measure according to claim 6 as well as the measure according to claim 7~~ an embodiment of the present invention in which the wedge is equipped with a heel bedding and a longitudinal arch. Still another advantage results from an embodiment of the present invention in which the wedge is equipped with a heel-forming elevation.

At specification page 2, replace the paragraph beginning with "[t]he measure taken" with the following replacement paragraph:

~~The measure taken according to claim 8~~ According to another embodiment of the present invention, the wedge is provided with a lateral shoulder for positioning the upper and provides a gradual transition between the wedge and the upper.

At specification page 2, replace the paragraph beginning with "[f]inally, also the measure" with the following replacement paragraph:

~~Finally, also the measure according to claim 9~~ an embodiment of the invention that has an outsole, which is optionally provided with a grating drawn upwards on the lateral sides and preferably embracing the heel portion of the upper, and which is connected with the external upper along an internal site of overlap, by a seam or by gluing contributes to providing an advantageous shoe design.

At specification page 2, before the paragraph beginning with "[f]urther characteristic features of the invention" insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

At specification page 3, before the paragraph beginning with "[i]n Fig. 1," insert the following heading and paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

At specification page 3, replace the paragraph beginning with "[i]n Fig. 1" with the following replacement paragraph:

In Fig. 1, a last is denoted by 1 and an anatomically shaped wedge provided in the heel region is denoted by 2. The wedge 2 substitutes an insole and extends as far as to the ball. Also integrated in the wedge 2 is the heel, whose height corresponds to that of common shoes and safeguards the necessary torsional stiffness. In order to obtain a general stability of the shoe, such wedges may preferably be injection-molded or formed from rigid foam or similar materials. The upper contour corresponds to the anatomical shape of the foot and, to this end, is equipped with a heel bedding and a longitudinal arch. This produces relatively high

lateral sides. The bottom surface of the wedge 2 may be flat or designed to have any desired contour. The lateral sides ~~forms~~ form a relatively smooth surface including ~~a~~ an edge at the transition towards the bottom surface. It is also feasible to incorporate a step in the lateral surface as a positioning edge for an upper 5, which may be made of a flat material and is glued with the lateral surface of the wedge 2 in the heel region as far as to the ball, i.e., in the region where it is not sewn or glued with an insole. This serves as a substitute for the usual pinching process.

At specification pages 4-5, replace the paragraph beginning with "[i]n the embodiment according to Fig. 3" with the following replacement paragraph:

In the embodiment according to Fig. 3, the wedge 2 is provided with a reentrant shoulder ~~11~~ 20 for the lateral positioning of the upper 5.

At specification page 5, after the last line, insert the following paragraph:

The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one

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skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.

At specification page 6 (i.e., the first claims page), replace the heading with the following replacement heading:

~~Claims~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: